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The Honorable Gordon Gray
Director
Office of Defense Mobilization
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Gray:

I have signed the Stand-By National Censorship Agreement and the addendum thereto which you sent to me in your letter of 10 February 1958. I wish to point out, however, that Paragraph 10, Page 2, Section I and Paragraph 10, Page 3, Section II have raised concern as to possible differences in interpretation which could arise in connection with our foreign intelligence liaison in the course of carrying out our responsibilities abroad. We could not properly carry out the responsibilities imposed by the National Security Council if we were, in fact, (1) precluded from acquiring censorship data, in a specific operational context, directly from foreign governments via intelligence channels without reference to some other U. S. Department or Agency, or (2) precluded from arranging, in case of operational need, directly with or through foreign intelligence services, without reference to some other U. S. Department or Agency, for systematic receipt of censorship data acquired by their governments. If, however, the two paragraphs are read as permissive, facilitating provisions as they relate to CIA and not as restrictive of its operational areas of action, no problem of interpretation is seen.

It is my interpretation, therefore, that the language in the paragraphs mentioned above is not intended to conflict with or negate those responsibilities, nor in any way to be restrictive of our operational areas of action or of relationships with foreign intelligence services, and that it will not be so construed. It is with this understanding in mind that I have signed the agreement and the addendum thereto. If there

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is any understanding to the contrary on the part of any of the other signatories I should appreciate your so advising me at your convenience.

I am enclosing herewith three of the executed copies. The fourth copy I have retained for our records as you suggested.

Sincerely yours,

Signed

Allen W. Dulles
Director

Enclosures:

3 copies of Standard
National Censorship
Agreement, w/addendum

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/s/ L. K. White

Deputy Director (Support)

MAR 10 1958

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